BOARD OF INQUIRY

1.   I hereby constitute a Board of Inquiry for the case of
Francis Gary Powers.   The Board is composed of:

>   Judge E. Barrett Prettyman (Ret.), Chairman Presiding
>   Lt. General Harold Roe Bull, U.S.A. (Ret.), Member
>   Mr. John A. Bross, CIA, Member
>   Mr. Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel, CIA,
>   Counsel
>   Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA,
>   Security Adviser

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, CIA, Secretary

2.   The purpose of the Board is to determine whether in the
light of all the ascertainable circumstances Powers, having been
dispatched on a mission which ended with him in the custody of the
Soviet authorities, acted in accordance with the terms of his
employment, and instructions and briefings pursuant thereto, from
the time he started the mission until his release.   The Board will
also consider whether Powers complied with his obligations as an
American citizen during this same period.   The Board will not be
concerned with the U-2 project as a whole, the political aspects
thereof, or the timing of the particular flight which resulted in
Powers' capture except insofar as Powers might have knowledge
of classified information in these fields.   It would be necessary for
the Board to come to a conclusion as to whether he was able to keep
from divulging such classified information or whether he revealed
such information to the Soviets without resisting sufficiently to
meet with his obligations.   The Board's findings of fact and con-
clusions, together with whatever recommendations the Board deems
appropriate, will be submitted solely and directly to me.

3.   All components of the Agency are directed to comply
fully with the requirements of the Board for information pertinent
to its inquiry.   Such witnesses as the Board may wish to hear and
who are willing to testify, including Powers, will be made available
to the Board.   The Secretary to the Board will be responsible for
coordinating such requirements and shall also arrange for provision
of such facilities and equipment as may be needed by the Board.

OGC Has Reviewed

JOHN A. McCONE
Director

14 February 1962
Date

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